

## **REMARKS**

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. Claims 26-36 have been added. Accordingly, claims 26-36 remain pending in the application.

## **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103**

The claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Menard et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0184065) and Siegel et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 6,782,345). In view of the cancellation of claims 1-25, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot.

Applicant submits that newly added claims 26-36 are patentably distinct over the cited art. To establish a *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. MPEP §2143.03. With respect to claim 26, Applicant submits that not all the features of that claim are taught or suggested by Menard or Siegel. Accordingly, even if these references were combined, this combination would not include all the limitations of claim 26.

Specifically, Applicant submits that neither of the cited references appears to teach or suggest “predicting the likelihood of the detected change affecting the operation of the database system” and “displaying said likelihood of the detected change affecting the operation of the database system and said indication of the magnitude of the detected change to a user,” as is recited in claim 26.

Also note that Siegel is not directed to “the database system” of claim 1, but rather to “an analog or digital copier, a printer, a scanner, a facsimile and the like.” Siegel, col. 1, lines 44-46. Furthermore, Siegel states that “a determination is made whether the results of the diagnostic analysis...are acceptable.” *Id.* at col. 9, lines 54-55. In other words, Siegel’s system merely indicates whether “the electronic system...is operating *improperly or abnormally*.” *Id.* at col. 9, lines 16-18, emphasis added. Accordingly, Siegel does not teach or suggest “predicting...and displaying said *likelihood*” of the type recited in claim 26 (emphasis added).

Also in contrast to claim 26, Menard teaches that his method “may not generate an analysis result. It *only generates an analysis result* when a data pattern matches information in a knowledge base with *a high degree of certainty*.” Menard, ¶[0050]. Applicant submits that this is different from claim 26’s recitation of “displaying said likelihood of the detected change affecting the operation of the database system ... to a user.” There is no teaching or suggestion in Menard of displaying the “degree of certainty” to a user. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that Menard does not appear to teach or suggest “displaying ... said indication of the magnitude of the detected change to a user,” as recited in claim 26.

For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that claim 26, along with its dependent claims, is patentably distinct over the cited art. Independent claims 32, 34 and 36, along with their respective dependent claims, appear allowable for at least the reasons presented in support of claim 26. Removal of the rejections under §103 is therefore kindly requested.

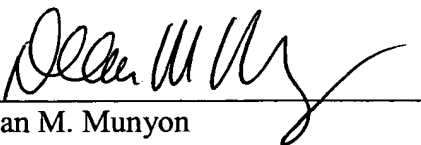
**CONCLUSION:**

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5760-14800/DMM.

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